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SUBJECT: NOBEL PRIZE CEREMONIES

1. PLANS ARE FALLING INTO PLACE ALL AROUND FOR THIS ALL-AMERICAN NOBEL SEASON IN STOCKHOLM AND EVERY INDICATION IS THAT IT WILL BE A MEMORABLE EVENT.

2. ONE PROBLEM IS POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT THIS IS A FACT OF LIFE IN PRESENT-DAY SWEDEN THAT THE EMBASSY AND AMERICANS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO. IT APPEARS THAT DR. FRIEDMAN, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTION WITH CHILE, WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL ATTENTION BY DEMONSTRATORS; BUT THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIEE ARE TAKING CAREFUL MEASURES TO DEAL WITH DEMONSTRATIONS. (STRONG SECURITY MEASURES ARE ALSO BEING TAKEN TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTION: (SEE SEPTTEL)

3. THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIERS MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE NOBEL FOUNDATION AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOVEMBER 29 TO COORDINATE PLANS FOR US PARTICIPATION. AT THIS JUNCTURE WE SEE NO PROBLEMS AND COOPEPRATION IS REMARKABLY GOOD.

4. FROM THE PRESS VIEWPOINT, SOMETHING MAY BE MADE OF DR. TING'S CHINESE BACKGROUND. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT HE PLANS TO MAKE HIS SHORT "SPEECH" OF THANKS AT THE
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NOBEL BANQUET DECEMBER 10 IN ENGLISH AND, ACCORDING TO

THE NOBEL FOUNDATION, HE WILL SAY A FEW WORDS IN CHINESE.
IT SEEMS THAT HE MAY CHOOSE HIMSELF TO CALL ATTENTION TO
THE FACT THAT WHILE AN AMERICAN HE ALSO HAS STRONG TIES TO
CHINA. AN AUNT AND A COUNSIN OF TING MAY COME FROM PEKING
TO THE CEREMONIES. OFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, THE NOBEL
FOUNDATION IS NOT TREATING HIM OTHER THAN AS A US CITIZEN,
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. (E.G. ONLY THE US AND NORWEGIAN
AMBASSADORS ARE INVITED TO THE BANQUET DEC. 10, THE MAIN
EVENT ASIDE FROM THE PRESENTATION ITSELF WHICH IS OF COURSE
ATTENDED BY THE ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.) THE EMBASSY
HAS MADE A POINT OF NOTING THAT DR. TING WAS BORN IN THE
US AND IS OF COURSE IN EVERY SENSE A US CITIZEN.
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